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Keeping Arizona's Families Safe, Strong and Prosperous

GOCYF is focused on keeping Arizona's families safe, strong and prosperous through providing grants, building local capacity and promoting citizen engagement. GOCYF serves as the link to the philanthropic community through annual Foundation Roundtables that inspire public-private partnerships. GOCYF also staffs the Children's Cabinet, comprised of directors from the state agencies that serve children and key policy advisors. The Children's Cabinet works to remove barriers to success through inter-agency cooperation as well as focusing attention and resources on problems facing Arizona's children and families through coordination of policies and service delivery systems.

GOCYF houses the following divisions:

- Irene Jacobs, Executive Director, ijacobs@az.gov
- David Barnhouse, Deputy Director, dbarnhouse@az.gov
- Children: Janet Garcia, Director & Deputy Director of GOCYF jgarcia@az.gov
- Community and Youth Development: Tammy Paz-Combs, Director; tcombs@az.gov
- Family and Community Health: Gina Flores, Director; gflores@az.gov
- School Readiness: Eva Lester, Director and Early Childhood Policy Advisor; elester@az.gov
- Substance Abuse: Kim O'Connor, Director; koconnor@az.gov
- Women: Maria-Elena Ochoa, Director; mocha@az.gov
- Finance and Administration: Mary Jackson, Director; mjackson@az.gov
- Community Relations: Melissa Lempke, Director; mlempke@az.gov
- Victim's Rights: Dan Levey, Policy Advisor to the Governor for Victims; victimrights@az.gov

GOCYF manages at any given time **\$40 million** dollars in grants as well as **175** sub-grantees, including:

- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Grant
- AmeriCorps State Grant
- Head Start Collaboration Grant
- Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG)
- STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

GOCYF oversees the outcomes of **17** boards and commissions with over **500** citizen participants. These include:

- Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
- Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force
- Governor's Commission on Women's and Children's Health
- Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
- Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

GOCYF coordinates a number of signature events including:

- The Governor's Book Project
- The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards
- Women's Health Week

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